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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Davis et al.
Serial No. : 09/761,569
Filed : January 16, 2001
Title : CYTOKINE-, STRESS, AND ONCOPROTEIN-ACTIVATED HUMAN
PROTEIN KINASE KINASES

Art Unit : 1644
Examiner : Phillip Gambel

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ACTION

This submission is responsive to the action dated August 27, 2003, regarding the restriction requirement for the present application. An Amendment accompanies this Response. Applicants thank the Examiner for the productive discussion with their representative on September 25, 2003. As discussed with the Examiner, applicants filed a Response to Restriction Requirement (issued March 19, 2002) on June 19, 2002. A Preliminary Amendment was also filed on June 19, 2002, adding claims 56-74. Another Restriction requirement dated September 18, 2002, was issued and then another Restriction requirement dated November 6, 2002, was issued superceding the September 18, 2002 document. A Response to the November 6, 2002, Restriction was filed on May 5, 2003. In that paper, applicants elected Group I, claim 65, drawn to a method of treating an MKK-mediated disorder in a patient by administering an antibody. The polypeptide species elected for examination was MKK3.

In response to the present action dated August 27, 2003, applicants reiterate their election of Group I, claim 65 and their election of the species MKK3.

If a telephone conference will help expedite prosecution, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned.

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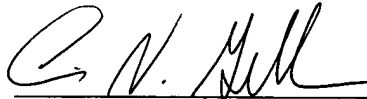
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No fees are believed due as September 27, 2003, the one month shortened statutory deadline, was a Saturday. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 10363-003004.

Respectfully submitted,

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